

of the Year by the Allegheny Highlands Council.

Quinn's education never suffered despite her dedication to the Scouts BSA program. She remains a straight-A student, a class officer at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, and earned the service award for her class with more than 100 hours of volunteer work over the past year.

I am proud to know Quinn personally and can speak to her sterling character. Quinn has loving and supportive parents, Michael Flaherty and Summer Przybylak, and a doting stepfather, Tom Przybylak, who himself earned his Eagle Scout in 1994. I am confident that their proud guidance and support helped Quinn earn this remarkable achievement.

In her Eagle Scout Letter of Ambition, after noting her family history in Scouting, Quinn stated, "I joined Scouting because I wanted to do something different, and a girl joining a century-old all-boy program was about as different as you could get." Quinn closed her letter by saying, "I am a girl with dreams, a girl with plans. I am a girl with hope for the future. Now I get to add Eagle Scout to that list."

Madam Speaker, Quinn certainly does get to add that to the list. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga on her achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout, and thanking her for her service to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING MAY RANCH FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2021 LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May Ranch of Lamar, Colorado for receiving the 2021 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program, named after conservationist Aldo Leopold, recognizes and celebrates voluntary land conservation by private agricultural landowners. Each year, only one landowner in each of the participating states is given this award. Owned and operated by the Dallas and Brenda May family, the May Ranch of Lamar was given this award for 2021.

The May Ranch exemplifies how livestock and wildlife can thrive together. Through collaborations with various wildlife and conservation organizations, the Mays have planted native trees, installed wildlife-friendly fences, and managed grazing on the ranch's grasslands. With the wetlands on the ranch serving as an oasis for birds, their grass-fed beef is marketed as "Raised on Bird Friendly Land." The Mays have shown commitment to not only the conservation of the ecosystem on May Ranch, but to the agricultural way of life that is so important to Eastern Colorado.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this special recognition of the May Ranch as the 2021 Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

#### HONORING HERMAN KLEINER

#### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and birthday wishes to one of my constituents, Herman Kleiner, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Herman was born into a Jewish family to Pauline and Morris Kleiner, in Tacoma, Washington, August 24th, 1921. A proud product of the Tacoma Public School system, Herman attended Bryant, Jason Lee, and Stadium High School and went on to attend the College of Puget Sound where he majored in sociology and became a member of the Delta Kappa Psi fraternity. During World War II, Herman served in the United States Air Force and, upon his return, went into business with his father, Morris, at Model Lumber Company.

Mr. Kleiner recalls working with his father for many years—including his school age years—as the two had a wonderful relationship. He would work at the lumberyard during the year and then go to Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) summer youth camp at the end of every summer. He became a member of the AZA and was presented with an opportunity to attend a national AZA Convention with the debate team, which he really enjoyed doing. Mr. Kleiner and many friends formed the first Aleph Zadik Aleph chapter in Tacoma.

After his retirement in the early 1990's, Mr. Kleiner and his spouse Barbara had the pleasure of welcoming Russian Jews from the Soviet Union who were coming to the United States. Through their work and service, they were able to aid in the resettlement of about 33 Jewish families from the Soviet Union, helping to secure apartments before they arrived, assisting with furnishings and household goods, and transporting them from the airport to their new homes. Recounting his experience Mr. Kleiner recalled, "It was absolutely one of the most wonderful parts of our life."

In addition to his work welcoming Russian Jews into our community, Mr. Kleiner's passion for serving his community and giving back can be seen in his active engagement with numerous civic organizations throughout Tacoma, including: Temple Beth El, United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Cemetery Board, and the Stadium Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor today to celebrate Mr. Herman Kleiner on his 100th birthday, whose love for his community has never wavered and whose service to his country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast my vote on consideration of S. 272—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 256.

#### HONORING PAM CARMICHAEL AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

#### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pam Carmichael, a tireless advocate for stable, affordable, and quality housing, as Iowan of the Week.

Pam's passion for housing advocacy started while she was studying political science, sociology, and social work at the University of Iowa. In her time as a student, Pam counseled renters at a tenants' rights organization and worked on housing ordinances that later became law. In 1980, she started working as a housing counselor at HOME Inc., a nonprofit housing organization in Des Moines.

Pam served as the executive director of HOME Inc. from 1984 until her upcoming retirement this year, and she has participated in various advocacy efforts through this role. She has worked on multiple legislative projects, from pushing for infrastructure improvements, to creating Iowa's Shelter Assistance Fund. Pam also helped create the Polk County Housing Trust Fund and the Des Moines and Iowa Coalitions for the Homeless. Those are just a couple of examples of all the work Pam has done.

Her breadth of knowledge in housing issues spans from home buyer education to counseling, revitalization programs, landlord education and more. Pam's expertise has been incredibly valuable and helpful to thousands of people in Des Moines, and she said she feels very blessed to see the number of people she's helped.

Pam mentioned she's most proud of having worked with so many incredible colleagues who also believe everyone has a right to safe, affordable housing. She also appreciates the caring people in Des Moines, and the way that the community comes together in a crisis.

As for her post-retirement plans, Pam is taking at least one year to work on her own house for a change. After a year, she'll get back into helping people, whether that be in housing or mental health services.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate Pam on her retirement and thank her for all the work she has done to help our families in Des Moines. Pam said: "Home is a place we all need, and without it, we won't flourish," and I completely agree with her. That's why I will continue to fight in Congress to support affordable housing initiatives, just as Pam has done her whole career. It is my pleasure to recognize Pam Carmichael as Iowan of the Week.

#### COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT "RED" DAVIS OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Councilmember Robert "Red" Davis of Morro Bay, California, who passed away peacefully on July 24th. We honor Red's exemplary commitment to our